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Photo courtesy Diana Daunheimer
Canadian Pacific Railway crews clean up a six rail car
derailment a few miles northwest of Didsbury on Dec. 20.

DERAILMENT INVESTIGATED

BY DAN SINGLETON
MVP Staff

The cause of a Dec. 19 train derailment near Didsbury is under investigation.

Six Canadian Pacific Railway train cars carrying sulphur derailed a few miles northwest of the town onto farmland north of Highway 584 near Rge. Rd. 2.1 around 11:40 p.m. that Friday night. Two of the cars spilled solid sulphur pellets along the tracks, said CP spokesperson Salem Woodrow.

There were no injuries and no public safety issues in the incident, she said adding railway crews able to clean up the sulphur the following day.

"CP immediately enacted emergency protocols and all safety precautions and measures were taken," she said.

The line reopened late on Dec. 20.

The cause of the mishap is under investigation. It is not known how long the investigation may take, she said. Didsbury RCMP were notified of the derailment but were not dispatched to the scene. "Where it was, there was no need for traffic control or anything," said Cpl. Warren Wright.



Lea Smaldon/MVP Staff
August Bradshaw tapes up the end of a present she wrapped for the Christmas Helpers hampers program.

Spirit of giving triumphs

BY LEA SMALDON
MVP Staff

Hundreds of Didsbury and area residents benefited from the goodwill of others this holiday season through the Christmas Helpers hamper program.

One hundred and thirty-four hampers containing food and presents were distributed to area residents in the days prior to Christmas.

"When the deliverers came back, they came back with stories of people being so overwhelmed and so happy, shedding happy tears. It was so appreciated," said Linda Sirt, who along with Linda Regner, organized the annual program.

Local businesses and area residents, along with sports teams and a host of other organizations

donated cash, food and presents for the hampers. Well over 100 hampers were sponsored, said Sirt. Next year, she hopes all hampers will be sponsored.

A bastion of volunteers, estimated to be over 100 people strong, turned the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church into a makeshift Santa's workshop on Dec. 19 sorting, packing and wrapping items to be included in the hampers. Cash donations bought vouchers that recipients could use for fresh produce.

Within a couple of hours, 30 extra large hampers, each with enough food and presents for up to seven people, 50 large hampers, 30 medium, and 20 small hampers were assembled.

See Hampers page 6

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Efforts renewed to stop dumping down ravine

BY LEA SMALDON
MVP Staff

Efforts are being stepped up to keep a ravine in Didsbury notorious for its popularity as a garbage dumping ground, clean.

Possibly due to its seclusion, public works and infrastructure manager Greg Skotheim says the ravine on Rge. Rd. 15 south of 15 Avenue has been a problem area for decades.

A sign recently erected beside the ravine says 'No dumping' and warns that violators will be prosecuted.

"We just decided about a month ago we have to make this a priority. I've talked to bylaw enforcement about this - it's something we have to let the people know about; they can't be doing this dumping," said Skotheim.

Last week, public works employees spent hours dredging up tires, a couch, clothes, computers and other assorted garbage from the bottom of the west side of the steep ravine.

It has become an annual cleanup that usually results in similar items being recovered year after year, said Skotheim, adding what's being dumped is garbage that doesn't disintegrate.

"We want to solve this problem," he said.

The annual cleanup is required to protect the ravine, which drains into the Rosebud Creek, from causing a logjam and

backing up.

"If it doesn't drain through here then it's going to back up and then we've got serious issues with this roadway," he said. "This is actually a bridge structure...it needs to be inspected every year, so we have to do it for regulation purposes."

A lot of the discarded items in the ravine are garbage that Skotheim says "you can take to the landfill and it doesn't even cost you any money. It's disappoint-

ing."

Instead, he said, the garbage dumping is an expense to the Town of Didsbury.

"I've got four guys here today," Skotheim said last Tuesday. "We've got to pick all this stuff up and it's probably going to be a day and a half of work. It's work - we've got other things we have to do, but we have to do this. We've got to haul all this to the landfill and that's going to cost money. So there is a cost."



Lea Smaldon/MVP Staff

A couch and other household items were among the garbage public works employees dredged up from the bottom of the ravine on Rge. Rd. 15.



Noel West/MVP Staff

Public works employees gather garbage and debris from the bottom of the ravine on Dec. 23.

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Seatbelt could have saved a life: police

Sundre teen dies after vehicle accident

BY PATRICIA RILEY
MVP Staff

In the wake of a single vehicle collision that claimed the life of a 15-year-old Sundre boy, RCMP officers are stressing the importance of wearing seatbelts.

Passenger Tristan Peck had not been wearing a seatbelt when he was ejected from a vehicle after the driver lost control in icy road conditions just south of Sundre on Dec. 19.

"Had Tristan been wearing a seatbelt, in all likelihood, it would have saved his life," said Sundre RCMP Sgt. Jim Lank.

"It would have prevented him from being ejected from the vehicle. And that's probably what killed him."

The single vehicle collision occurred around 9:30 p.m. on Dec. 19 on Highway 760. An 18-year-old relative of Peck, whose name is not being released, was driving a 1994 Chevrolet pickup truck when he lost control on black ice.

Peck was transported by STARS air ambulance to the Foothills Medical Centre in Calgary in critical condi-

tion, where he died the following day.

The driver was taken to hospital, treated for serious, non-life-threatening injuries. Officers have determined the driver was also not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the accident.

Officers are continuing the investigation and failing to wear a seatbelt charges under the Traffic Safety Act are pending.

Lank believes Peck was ejected from the passenger window, but the back window shattered as well. Peck was found in close proximity to the vehicle.

"We're still looking at whether or not speed was a factor in the essence of driving too fast for the conditions of the road," he said.

"Clearly the road conditions were a contributing factor. So we're just having a close look at whether the driver was being cautious and reasonable enough at the time to, you know, was it preventable, yes or no? But it appears that the driver came upon the black ice and that's the point where he lost control," he explained.

"But we don't believe the vehicle was travelling at an

excessively high rate of speed or anything like that."

The speed limit on the road at that location is 50 kilometres per hour and he believes the vehicle was travelling between 50 and 60 kilometres per hour.

"It's a sad thing when these things happen and they are preventable," he said.

"The chances of surviving an accident are significantly increased when you're wearing a seatbelt."

Colts banking on full roster for first time in season

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

As the Mountainview Colts await the resumption of the Heritage Junior Hockey League season on Jan. 3 in Ponoka against the Stampeders, the coaching staff is looking forward to having a full roster for the first time in the entire 2014-15 season.

Injuries and suspensions to various players throughout the first

four months of the season have meant that the Colts haven't iced their full roster since the team broke from training camp at the beginning of September.

"We've battled a lot of injuries so far this year. We still haven't had our full team on the ice yet, so the record we're at right now (15 wins, nine losses) we're still definitely a few games above .500, the guys have played really good together, and I can't be

disappointed (because) of the injuries we've had so far this season," said Brent Youngs, the team's assistant coach.

Headed into the last two games before the break, the Colts stood fifth in goals for, but were sixth in goals against.

"We started off the year with a lot of goals and we knew we had a lot of firepower. We were giving up quite a few goals (early in the season) so we tried to focus a little

bit on defence. That's a big thing, we know we can score, we just have to keep it out of our net," Youngs said.

"Sixth (in goals against) doesn't seem that bad, but that's middle of the pack. To be a top team, you've got to be up in the top four I think ... so we're working on that," he said.

The team is also working on improving its goal differential and wants to get it a little higher than where it's at right now.

Didsbury's loss is Village of Cremona's gain

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Luana Smith will officially be Cremona's CAO as of Jan. 1, 2015 following a vote by the village council to hire her on permanently.

She has been the interim CAO for a year, after the Village of Cremona contracted the Town of Didsbury for CAO services, but now that the year-long contract will end, the village needed to explore its options.

Smith said the village did run a competition to fill the position, but she ended up being the best candidate for the job.

"I'm really excited. I've worked hard to achieve my certificate in local government management, and part of that is to become a CAO, and I think it's a great experience for me and an enormous

challenge that I'm looking forward to," said Smith.

It's hard for her to leave Didsbury, where she has worked for the past 10 years, but she said on the positive side, she will only be working three days a week - a schedule that will serve her well due to family commitments.

Mayor Tim Hagen expressed how valuable Smith has been to Cremona council during her time there, due to her municipal experience.

With all Cremona's councillors being new to municipal governance when they were elected, she was able to fill in the gaps in their knowledge, he said.

"She helped us out a lot that way, which that is something you need when you're a new council and you've never been on anything like that before," said Hagen.

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A grim fairy tale

I would like to share with you the tale of *Snow White and the Eight Dwarfs*.

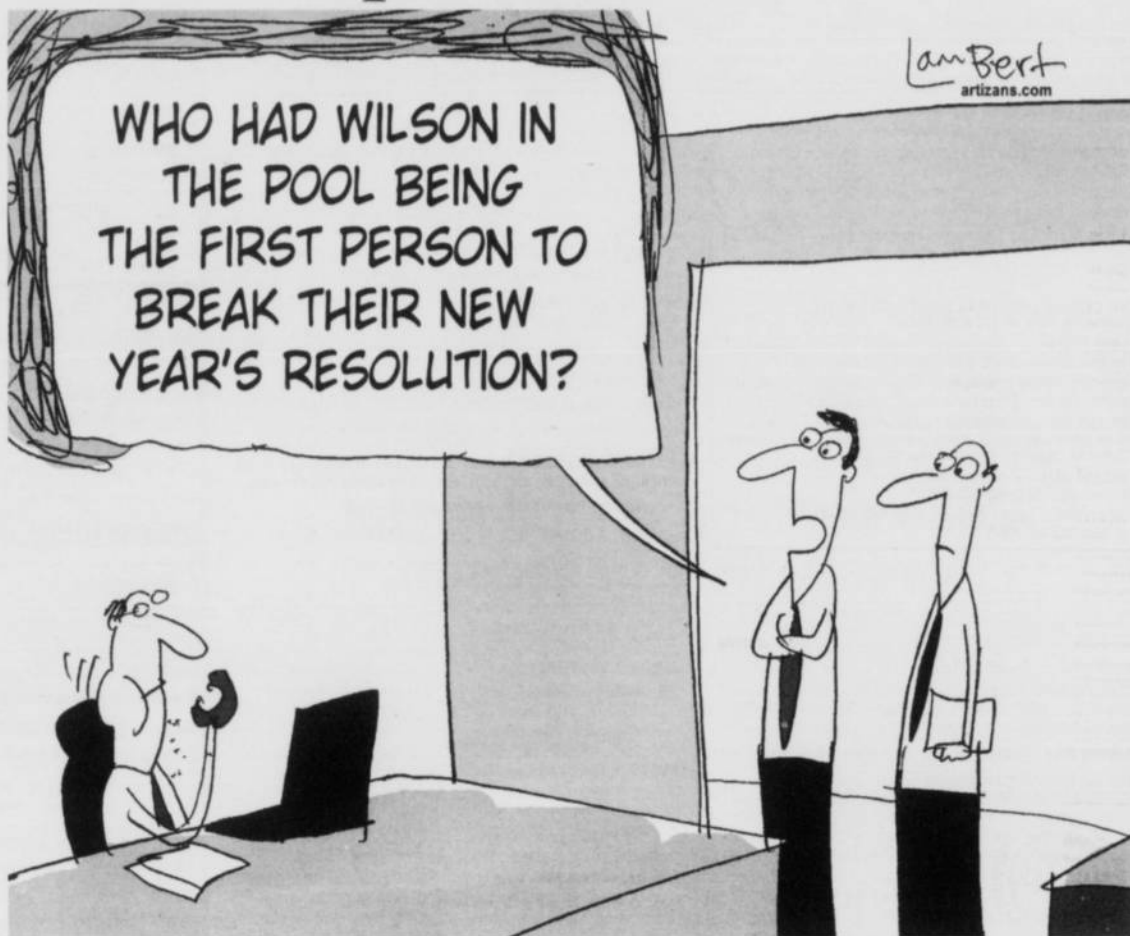
Once upon a time, the Kingdom of Alta was ruled by an Evil Queen, Alison. Alta was a beautiful kingdom rich in natural resources.

Unfortunately, the resources were sold to foreign kingdoms at bargain prices so that the nobility could become rich while the common people received less than their fair share of the kingdom's wealth.

In the Wild Rose Forest lived a maiden named Danielle. She was naive and appeared so innocent that she came to be known as Snow White. The media mirror told the Evil Queen that Snow White was lovelier than she, so Snow White was banished to a mine worked by 16 dwarfs. The Evil Queen tricked Snow White into eating a poison apple that caused her to go into a deep intellectual sleep and to dream that it was the social conservatives that caused her to be banished.

The kingdom's court revolted against the Evil Queen and replaced her with Prince Prentice. Prince Prentice found Snow White in the Wild Rose Forest, took her hands and embraced her, awakening her from the deep sleep. She was so relieved to see the light and thought that if she merged with Prince Prentice she would no longer be haunted by the social conservatives and life in Alta would be joyful and gay. So she joined the prince's court and took eight dwarfs with her. And as the dwarfs marched from the mine to the Prince's castle, they sang "Hi ho, hi ho, it's off to pork we go!"

Len Skouronski
Leader of the Alberta
Social Credit Party



Letter

Ethics lost and Albertans' faces slapped in Wildrose trapeze across the floor

Prostitution is thriving in Alberta. And the defecting Wildrose elected party members are their prim and proper egomaniac pimps.

The en masse Wildrose trapeze across the floor at the legislature to join the governing PCs is not only infuriating, but also a monumental travesty of trust. It slaps each and every one of us in the face. It pukes on our political system. It's gutless. It borders on treason.

Over 400,000 Albertans have been lied to and betrayed. Smith could sleep comfortably in a grain auger, snake-like. She slithered out from under the same rock as Alison Redford!

It also speaks volumes of Jim Prentice that he gladly takes such a disgracefully disloyal person as Smith and her cronies into his caucus. A man of integrity would have had nothing to do with this sham. Shame, shame, shame on them all.

It's all about the power, pension and paycheques. These people will do anything to hedge their bets. It's about ensuring a very good position at the trough; no morals, no scruples, just a bunch of rats abandoning ship.

It's not a defection. It's betrayal, with a capital B. If Wildrose voters can get over the pain of this knife in the back, they will see this as it really is, a disgusting display of greed and treachery.

And yes, this included you, Kerry Towle, who defected earlier and in doing so thoroughly abused those Innisfailians who supported you with their pocketbooks and countless hours of volunteer work.

Was Smith really devastated and betrayed by Towle a couple of weeks back, or just annoyed Towle beat her across the aisle? Seeing as Smith was already negotiating with the PCs, would it be rude to suggest the latter?

The disgusting display of zero ethics by a band of hypocritical opportunists, an immoral, outright lie to the electorate, somewhat surprising when one considers their holier-than-thou rhetoric spewed during the election campaign.

They should resign and allow us to go to the polls. Many Albertans voted Wildrose as a last resort. The real travesty here is there are no regards for the electorate. We are meaningless pawns.

Do you still wonder why we get voter turnouts of about 30 per cent in this province? Democracy? Highly unlikely. More like debauchery.

There should be a way to launch a class action lawsuit for breach of trust, not to mention their outright theft of the democratic process from the populace. And there should also be legislation enacted to prevent this betrayal by our own little Tea Party from ever

happening again. There needs to be a mechanism that binds the person to the party and the constituents that elected that person. No floor crossing. No get out of jail free cards.

And the resulting byelections should be conducted at the expense of those who intended to cross the floor. Was it not taxpayers' dollars that funded election costs in the first place? Why did we even bother with an election if, when the governing PCs have all the toys, the Opposition just trots on over to their side of the sandbox.

Give up and resign if you must - but defect? Pathetic.

If we were in a Third World country, people would be taking up arms. Let's get off our asses and demand democracy be respected.

They have made a mockery of the right to vote. Expel each and every one of them.

Bryan Goulding
Innisfail

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January 13

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January 28

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Hampers

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"People like to wrap presents for other people. They like to pick the gifts and give it that personal touch. Writing a note in the card is another part of it," said Sirr, who once again was very appreciative of the effort.

This was the 32nd year the Christmas Helpers hamper program has been held.

Sirr's reasons for being a part of it for all 32 years are similar to why others also become involved.

"I know what it's like to have less than others," said Sirr. "I like to help. I see a need and I just want to fill it. This is community helping community at its best."

It's a pay-it-forward sentiment that has seen former hamper recipients turn into

donors, she said.

Families have turned assembling the hampers into an annual tradition. And it's also a lesson in community and Christmas spirit that is being passed down through generations. People of all ages, from youngsters and teens to adults and seniors get involved, she said.

"If you believe there's people out there that care about other people, you'll never lose that," said Sirr.

"This really does pull forth the spirit of Christmas."

Everyone involved in the Christmas Helpers hamper program benefits, she said.

"Everyone from the deliverers, the sponsors, the volunteers to the people who receive the hampers, they all benefit. It teaches young people to give to other people. It teaches you to think of others. So everyone benefits. That carries on. There's a ripple effect."



Lea Smaldon/MVP Staff

Emilee Penwarden, left, and Madison Nussbaum, right, unload food items from a shopping cart at the Zion church to be put into Christmas hampers.



Lea Smaldon/MVP Staff

The gym at the Zion church was turned into a makeshift Santa's workshop on Dec. 19.



Clockwise around the table: Julia Martens, left, tapes up a present for a Christmas hamper. Raegan Hammer, middle, adds a personal touch to a card. Quinn Emerson begins to wrap a present while Heather and Lee Emerson get wrapping paper ready at the Zion church Dec. 19.



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NOTE: Anyone interested in sitting on the Rosebud Health Foundation Board, please attend as Election of Officers will take place.

Any questions contact:

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DIDSBURY MINOR HOCKEY PLAYER SPOTLIGHTS

NOVICE: Sawyer Campbell

Age: 7 Position: Centre



Sawyer's favorite food is pancakes. He loves the movie Real Steel and his favorite sports are hockey and football.

NOVICE: Jager Pick

Age: 7 Position: Forward



Jager was born in Bermuda! He likes shepherd's pie and the color blue. His favorite movie is The Lego Movie.

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TYKE: Hunter McDonald

Age: 6 Position: Left Wing



Hunter is a twin to Wyatt McDonald. His favorite hockey team is the Calgary Flames and his loves bubble gum ice cream. His favorite song is O Canada.

TYKE: Jaren Leaver

Age: 6



Jaren likes to color, dirt bike, travel, ride on his tractor, camp, play, swim and fish. His favorite hockey teams are the Pittsburgh Penguins and the Edmonton Oilers. His favorite color is pink.

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BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

Students from the Didsbury High School (DHS) music program performed on Dec. 14 for an overflow audience in a performance dubbed A Christmas Fantasia.

In addition to treating audience members to excellent music, the annual concert was also a fundraising event for music students to attend various festivals later this school year. A total of \$5,879 was raised at the concert.

Kirk Wassmer, music director at DHS, said Grade 9 students will be travelling to the Moose Jaw Band and Choral Festival in May 2015. The festival draws about 3,000 students from all over the world. Students will be able to get feedback from adjudicators on their musical development.

"My Grade 9 trip is always to that Moose Jaw festival. It's a great non-competitive festival and it's a chance for them to experience a higher-level festival than they're used to, and when they get into grade 10, 11, 12 we try and do a different trip each year so the kids aren't going to the same destination, but they all have a musical agenda ... they're all performance-based trips," he said.

Senior band students will be touring Spain in April 2015. The students will be performing in several different concerts in Barcelona, Madrid, Valencia and Savia.

"One of the things I'm excited about is that the band society, which is a huge supporter of what we do here, they commissioned a piece of music from a Spanish composer for us (to play) when we're over there. That piece will have its world premiere in Madrid with the composer conducting (the students)," Wassmer said, adding that this is the first time the students will be playing a commissioned piece.

There are about 80 students travelling to Spain while about 40 students will travel to Moose Jaw.

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